

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 1643 - SB 1747**

February 7, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the sentencing court to prohibit a defendant convicted of certain offenses against animals from owning any companion animal for at least two years from the date of conviction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012856):** Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the substantive changes are to: (1) require a sentencing court to prohibit a person convicted for a second or subsequent offense of certain crimes against animals from owning a companion animal for the person's lifetime; and (2) authorize a sentencing court to impose a lifetime ownership ban of such animals on the first conviction of such offenses.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation prohibits individuals convicted of animal cruelty, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-203(a)(1)-(3), fighting or baiting, aggravated cruelty to animals or sexual activity with an animal from owning any companion animals for a period of at least two years from the date of conviction, authorizes a lifetime ownership ban of the first conviction of such offenses, and requires a lifetime ownership ban on the second or subsequent conviction of such offenses.
- The proposed legislation applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2020.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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